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Dear Harold,

Just received your 6/18 with enclosures. My annoyance with you for having cited Rogers' letter to me in an appeal of your own, without consulting me first (now they know we're associated)*, was abated by the excellent, thrilling, captivating material which you sent. Thanks. This gives me all of the ammunition I need for an appeal on the Deterings/CBS interview arrangements. They've lied to me by denying the existence of any HQ records and shunting me off to the FBI.

I am extremely interested in the cable from Dallas to HQ dated January 27, 1967 regarding CBS's plans. I have a good idea who their informant was*, but I am interested in knowing

*I was hoping for the opportunity to at least apply to DOJ for a job after I graduate.

* Eddie Barker

how to get other reports which may have been filed originating from the same informant or ~~the same field office and agent~~ regarding CBS's activities in Dallas from January through June 1967 (There might also be material relating to the 1964 broadcast). How would such a request be framed? Would the numbers 62-109090 and 62-109060 have anything to do with it? Do you think they had a separate file on CBS, or is this stuff intermingled with other business?

Finally, I was interested that you didn't say one word about your reaction to my complaint. Your suggestion on Vaughn v Rosen was very helpful. I have read the case and am still busy reading later cases in which it has been cited for

compelling authority. Our school library has a computer retrieval system for legal research which makes this kind of work a cinch and narrows the odds a little [redacted], since D.O.J. has its own computer research system. (I am also developing a theory that DOJ should be estopped from assessing any search fees in my case (should they actually come forward with any records) on grounds of (1) "equitable estoppel" and waiver; (2) the court's power of de novo review under the statute; (3) public interest; and (4) my own poverty.)

Please let me know if you turn up anything else on CBS, and what you and Jim Lesar think my chances are with my complaint. It was served the same day I filed it, which gives D.O.J. until

July 14 to reply. I will keep you informed.

Best,
Roger